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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, between lines 12 and 13, please insert - As shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the supports can substantially cover the joint to which they are mounted. For example, each shoulder support can substantially cover the front, top, and back of its respective shoulder joint. Additionally, the supports can closely surround their respective joints. For example, each knee support can closely surround its respective knee. Thus, when a

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